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## *Press Release*

### **SJC Affirms Zeno Williams Conviction In Stoughton murder of Manuel Andrade**

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Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating said he was "pleased and relieved for the Andrade family," today, after the Commonwealth's highest court rejected the appeal of the woman who helped kill him.

"We felt that police had put together a strong case and that the jury had it right," District Attorney Keating said. "By affirming the conviction and rejecting the petitions for a new trial or a reduced verdict in one fell swoop, the SJC has given Mr. Andrade's survivors much to be relieved about today."

Mr. Andrade, then 49, had just sold his cleaning business and was living in a Stoughton condominium in January 2002, preparing to move to Florida with his family. That day, Zeno Williams and Jamaal Lee Haith, the father of her children, tricked Mr. Andrade into opening his door by claiming a need to enter to make repairs. Andrade was strangled, beaten, stabbed and robbed.

Haith and Williams then fled Massachusetts. Haith was apprehended by U.S Marshalls in Fayetteville, North Carolina Feb. 11, 2002 and Williams was found in Medford several days later after she circled back to Massachusetts.

Haith was found guilty following a trial in September 2004 and Williams following a separate trial in March 2005.

*Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.*